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SUBJ: GOC LABELING REQUIREMENTS - WHOLESALE MEAT CARTONS

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1. AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSIONER QUINN TELEPHONED ECON COUNSELOR TODAY TO RAISE AGAIN QUESTION OF BILINGUAL LABELLING OF WHOLESALE MEAT CARTONS. HE SAID EXTAFF HAS HANDLED AUSTRALIAN REQUESTS FOR CONSULTATIONS ON SUBJECT VERY BADLY. EXPECTED MAY 23 MEETING WITH INTERESTED GOC DEPARTMENTS (PARA 2 REFTTEL) NEVER TOOK PLACE; EXTAFF WAS APPARENTLY UNSUCCESSFUL IN ARRANGING FOR INTERNAL GOC MEETING TO PREPARE FOR MEETING WITH AUSTRALIANS. QUINN SAID HE HAS NOW TURNED TO ITC WHERE ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER LATIMER HAS TAKEN INTEREST IN SUBJECT. LATIMER WILL HOLD INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEETING JUNE 17 AND HAS TOLD QUINN HE HOPES TO BE IN POSITION TO MEET WITH HIM SHORTLY. QUINN SAID ITC OFFICIALS, WHO HAVE THEIR OWN RESERVATIONS ABOUT BILINGUAL LABELLING REQUIREMENTS, CONTINUE TO EXPRESS PUZZLEMENT AT FACT THAT USG HAS NOT WEIGHED IN ON THIS ISSUE. QUINN NOTED THAT NEW ZEALANDERS HAD COMPLAINED AND IT

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OBTAINING WOULD STRENGTHEN AUSTRALIA"NEW ZEALAND CASE

IF U.S. WOULD JOIN FORCES WITH THEM. ECON COUNSELOR
AGREED TO SEEK WASHINGTON REACTION.

2. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ASAP. JOHNSON

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